

REMARKS

Claims 53-64 are currently pending. Applicant has canceled claims 1-52, amended claims 53-58, 60, and 61, and added claims 62-72.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his consideration during the telephone interview on January 10, 2006. During the telephone interview, the Examiner and applicant's representative discussed the invention and possible claim amendments.

The Examiner has rejected claims 20-30, 34-41, and 45-50 as being unpatentable over Hayashi in view of Wiese, claims 31-33, 42-44, and 58-60 as being unpatentable over Hayashi in view of Wiese and further in view of Sonoyama, and claims 20, 26, 38, and 51 as being unpatentable over Hayashi in view of Project Gateway 5 ("PG5"). Claims 20-52 have been canceled, and thus these rejections are moot.

As agreed to by the Examiner during the January 10, 2006 telephone interview, newly added independent claim 62 distinguishes over the applied references for reciting features that are neither taught nor suggested by the cited references. For example, claim 62 recites "receiving from the user a summary under budget threshold, a summary under budget graphical indicator, a summary over budget threshold, and a summary over budget graphical indicator for summary data contained in the cost field ... wherein the received thresholds and indicators can be different for each task and subtask," which is neither taught nor suggested by the cited references.

Newly added claims 63 and 64 similarly recite "receiving from a user an under budget threshold, an under budget graphical indicator, an over budget threshold, and an over budget graphical indicator for the cost field," which is neither taught nor suggested by the cited references. Claims 53-61 have been amended to depend from claim 63.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any

question or believes that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

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